

"The Grange" (Near Paris, 8 mi. N.E.)  
Two miles south of Millersburg  
Bourbon County, Kentucky

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District No. 20

Historic American Buildings Survey  
G. M. Grimes, District Officer  
304 Martin Brown Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

Name of structure: "The Grange"

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Location: On U. S. No. 68, two miles south of  
Millersburg, Bourbon County, Kentucky

Owner or  
custodian: Tom Drenan

Address: Millersburg, Bourbon County, Kentucky

Date built: 1818  
(approx)

Architect  
or builder:

Present  
condition: Good

Number of  
stories: One and a half story, with part  
basement.

Material used  
in construction: Foundation: Native stone.  
Exterior walls: Brick, laid in Flemish  
bond.  
Interior partitions: Brick and frame,  
plastered.  
Floors: Wood, random width, ash.  
basement: earth.  
Roof: Frame construction, covered with  
wood shingles.

Description:  
architectural  
and historical Quoting the present owner: "The house was  
built for Ned Stone, the original owner,  
who was a dealer in slaves. Unruly slaves  
were kept in a dungeon in the cellar of  
the house, under the center hall. Stone  
was slain during a mutiny aboard a slave  
boat bound for New Orleans".

This structure is referred to by Prof. Rexford  
Newcomb, of the University of Illinois, in an article pub-  
lished in Kentucky Progress Magazine, Fall 1933, Vol. VI,  
No. 1, page 13, as one of the many splendid examples of the  
Georgian period in Kentucky.

A short distance from the house is the old brick structure that was used for slaves, or servants' quarters.

The dungeon, referred to in this data, is a room in the basement without outside openings for light, save for a small one in the rear wall which permitted of very little light or ventilation, because it was under the porch. The ceiling height of this room is not over six feet, six inches. The walls are of solid stone, as is the foundation under the exterior walls of the house.

An interesting feature of the house, which is not clearly brought out by the photographs, is the slightly curved front walls of the wing rooms in which occur the beautiful palladian windows, over which are radial brick arches.

The stairs, as in most of the early homes that were recorded in Kentucky, ~~are~~ as solid and firm as the day ~~they were~~ built, though constructed with delicate baluster, newels and handrail.

*L. M. Grinner*

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